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SUBJ: ECE - STEEL COMMITTEE - MEETING OF GROUP OF EXPERTS

ON STUDY OF STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN IRON AND STEEL

INDUSTRY

1. SUBJECT GROUP MET 25-26 OCT, IN GENEVA WITH DELEGATES FROM 14 COUNTRIES PLUS REPS OF EEC AND CMEA IN ATTENDANCE.
2. BECAUSE OF INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION PROVIDED BY GOVERNMENTS, TO DATE, GROUP REQUESTED THAT SECRETARIAT CIRCULATE REVISED QUESTIONNAIRE IN ORDER TO UPDATE DATA PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED, INCLUDING STATISTICAL DATA FOR ADDITIONAL YEARS 1970 AND 1975. QUESTIONNAIRE TO BE SUBMITTED TO GOVERNMENTS ASAP AND RETURNED BY 15 JAN. 1977.
3. EXPERTS FELT ORIGINAL OUTLINE OF STUDY INADEQUATE AND DECIDED TO REVISE AND ENLARGE OUTLINE EXTENSIVELY. CHAPTER HEADINGS REVISED AS FOLLOWS:
INTRUDUCTION, (I) TECHNICAL STRUCTURES, (II) CHANGES IN SIZE OF PRODUCTION FACILITIES, (III) CHANGES IN MARKET SITUATION, (IV) FACTORS INFLUENCING LOCATION OF PLANT,

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(V) CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION, (VI)

INFLUENCE OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE STEEL INDUSTRIES IN
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, (VII) FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS AND
CONCLUSIONS.

4. FURTHER POINT MADE THAT DATA TO BE PROVIDED BY
GOVTS. SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE QUALITATIVE ASSESSMENTS
AND DESCRIPTIVE NARRATION. TO THIS END SMALL WORKING
GROUP, INCLUDING THE US, PREPARED A GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND
A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDELINE OF QUESTIONS TO ASSIST
GOVTS. IN PREPARING THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS. BOTH NEW OUTLINE
AND GUIDELINES ATTACHED AS ANNEXES TO REPORT OF GROUP
OF EXPERTS (STEEL/GE.3/CRP.2).

5. EXPERT GROUP MEETING VERY SUCCESSFUL IN SETTING
NEW TONE AND DIRECTION FOR MORIBUND CONDITION OF
SECRETARIAT'S STUDY. US JOINED BY ITALY AND POLAND TOOK
LEAD IN EFFECTING CHANGES. US SUGGESTION OF GUIDELINE
SHOULD ASSIST GOVTS. TO PROVIDE IN-DEPTH INFORMATION
ON SUBJECT STRUCTURAL CHANGES AND HELP MAKE STUDY MORE
WORTHWHILE TO BOTH GOVTS. AND INDUSTRY. CATTO

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